

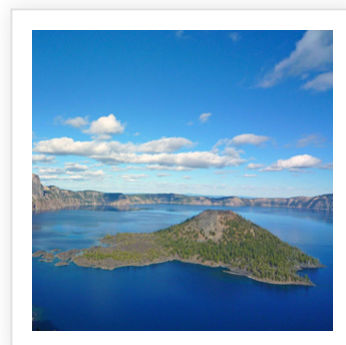
Exploring the Pacific Northwest

9 days from Seattle to Portland

Vacation Overview

This 9-day escorted tour of America's magnificent Pacific Northwest from Seattle, Washington to Portland, Oregon will renew the spirit with breathtaking sights and experiences. Begin in the vibrant city of Seattle and travel through the beauty of the Cascade Mountains. Enjoy German food in the Cascades and taste wine in the vineyards of Washington's wine country. Take in the mountain air along the Hood River with a visit to Mount Hood, more than 11,000 feet above sea level on your way to Bend to sample local Oregon craft beers. Visit Crater Lake National Park with a drive around the rim encircling the deep blue waters in this spectacular setting. Explore windswept Oregon Dunes via dune buggy!

Travel along spectacular views of the Oregon Coast on the 101 Highway en route to Newport's historic Bayfront. Follow Three Capes Scenic Route for breathtaking views and explore Meares Cape Lighthouse, then try the famous cheeses and saltwater taffy in Tillamook. See Lewis and Clark's "End of the Trail" in Seaside and enjoy the shops and sandy reaches of this lovely resort town. Continue to the coastal city of Astoria—nestled in the hills above the Columbia River. Marvel at Multnomah Falls 611-foot cataract en route to Portland, the "City of Roses." This guided vacation in North America's Pacific Northwest is a stunning adventure like no other.





Itinerary

Day 1 SEATTLE

Welcome to the Emerald City! Your Tour Director is on hand late this afternoon to answer any questions.

Day 2 SEATTLE-LEAVENWORTH-YAKIMA

This morning begins with city sightseeing which includes the Pike Place Market. Then onto the Bavarian styled village of Leavenworth, in the Cascade Mountains, in central Washington State. Time to explore Alpine-style buildings with restaurants serving German beer and food on Front Street. Arrive in Washington's wine country and visit a local winery for a tasting.

 Continental Breakfast

Day 3 **YAKIMA–HOOD RIVER–BEND**

This morning, take in vistas of famous Mount Hood, towering over the valley below at 11,239 feet. Continue to the picturesque city of Bend for a 2-night stay. This evening is at leisure to explore some of Bend's 27 breweries and restaurants.

 Continental Breakfast

Day 4 **BEND**

The day begins with a visit to the High Desert Museum for a self-guided tour that highlights the true Spirit of the West. Return to Bend where the remainder of the day is at your leisure. You may want to browse the downtown area's many shops and art galleries, stroll along the Deschutes River, and tour the famous Deschutes Brewery to enjoy free samples of beer.

 Breakfast

Day 5 **BEND–CRATER LAKE NATIONAL PARK–MEDFORD**

Today is devoted to Crater Lake National Park. Founded in 1902, Crater Lake is the fifth-oldest national park in the United States. The rim drive offers spectacular views of the deep blue circular lake. Overnight in Medford.

 Breakfast

Day 6 **MEDFORD–FLORENCE–NEWPORT**

This morning, visit the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Visitor Center. Learn why the Oregon Dunes are a unique area of windswept sand and the product of millions of years of erosion by wind and rain on the Oregon Coast. Follow the coast north to Florence, and enjoy an exciting guided dune buggy ride on the Oregon Dunes. Head east through Old Town Florence, which overlooks one of the many famous 1930s-era bridges set along scenic U.S. 101, the Oregon Coast Highway. End your day with a walk around Newport's Historic Bayfront, where you may see (and hear) sea lions barking, or perhaps dine on superb Dungeness crab cakes at Local Ocean Seafoods.

Day 7 **NEWPORT–CAPE MEARS–TILLAMOOK–ASTORIA**

For a taste of the dramatic Oregon coastline, we follow the Three Capes Scenic Route, which provides an excellent view of the most populous colonies of nesting sea birds on the continent. Explore Cape Mearns Lighthouse, the shortest lighthouse in Oregon, standing at just 38 feet high. Enjoy a break in Tillamook, best known for its famous cheese and tasty saltwater taffy, before continuing to the resort city of Seaside, bursting with shops and great places to eat, miles of sandy beach and a grand promenade to stroll. See the "End of the Trail" monument dedicated to the Lewis & Clark expedition. Overnight in the coastal city of Astoria with Victorian-era homes etched into hills overlooking the Columbia River. This picturesque settlement is a port city with Scandinavian flavor and great local brews.

Day 8 **ASTORIA–PORTLAND**

Depart for the City of Roses, Portland. En route, visit Multnomah Falls, a 611-foot-tall roaring and awe-inspiring cascade of icy water. After time for lunch, visit Washington Park, home of the International Rose Test Garden, followed by a Portland city sightseeing tour that shows you an enlightened city rich with artwork, parks, bridges, downtown trains, and streetcars.

Day 9 **PORTLAND**

Your vacation ends this morning. You can extend your vacation with extra nights and explore the City of Roses further. Your Tour Director will have suggestions.

 Breakfast